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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am adding my voice to a plea to preserve digital Freedom for us all.

If Microsoft Corporation is not effectively brought to heel, they will use their monopoly on desktop computer operating systems to turn the internet, which has always been based on Free and Open standards, into a Microsoft owned and operated tollroad.

Please do not allow this to happen. Those of us who value Freedom (as opposed to Microsoft's ``Freedom to Innovate" parody of the word) are fervently hoping that you will see the harm that will come of allowing this bully and predator continue with its tactics.

Imagine if we all were forced to drive Ford automobiles, because Ford owns the roads, and designed them so that Chevrolets, Toyotas and Volvos could not use them.

"Comply, Purchase Windows and Be Happy - or Start Walking" is a much more accurate slogan than: "Where Do You Want To Go Today?".

Sincerely,

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